

Association is working under administrative control of the Government:

(b) if so, the details thereof with terms of reference of such Association:

(c) whether some jurisdiction of functions of this association has been prescribed:

(d) if so, the details thereof:

(e) the achievements on Petroleum Conservation made by the Association: and

(f) the details of amount spent on each achievement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) is a registered society under the Societies Registration Act 1860 formed with the objectives as given in the attached Statement. PCRA functions under the administrative control of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas as a nodal catalysing agency for achieving petroleum conservation in the various sectors of the economy.

(e) and (f). The annual expenditure and the savings of petroleum products achieved as a result of various activities undertaken by and through the efforts of PCRA since 1992-93 are given below :

Year	Expenditure (Rs. Crores)	Estimated savings of petroleum products (in thousand MT)
1992-93	4.30	693
1993-94	5.61	838
1994-95	6.76	969
1995-96	8.34	1102

STATEMENT

Main objectives of PCRA

1. To conduct and promote research & development on the conservation of petroleum products by devising new methods or by improving existing methods of utilisation in Industry, Transport, Agriculture, Domestic and other spheres of utilisation.
2. To develop better scientific methods for pollution control or reduction thereof.
3. To evaluate fuel saving devices and additives through research and developmental activities and otherwise.
4. To conduct and promote studies and surveys in all spheres of usage of petroleum products, with a view to identify areas, where conservation of petroleum products is possible.

5. To conduct and/or promote, research and developmental activities, to improve the efficiency of kerosene and LPG burning and other petroleum fuel appliances.

6. To take up research, design and development and study factors affecting petroleum fuel economy, in all kinds of transport systems.

7. To provide technical advisory services, designed to achieve greater economy or efficiency in all spheres and activities, involving petroleum products.

8. To improve the efficiency of existing methods of petroleum products, in the field of production, distribution and utilisation.

9. To conduct and promote, research and developmental activities, in the field of modifying, improving and developing diesel, petrol and other petroleum fuel engines, for improved fuel economy.

10. To assist in establishment or development of special institutions, Research and Development Organisations in pursuit of specific activities, dealing with problems affecting conservation of petroleum products by any means and any sphere.

11. To aid, in achieving optimum utility of all petroleum products, by training or developing personnel in fuel efficiency techniques and practices.

12. To undertake, promote and assist by printing and publishing books, pamphlets, leaflets, magazines and other documents and holding Seminars and meetings by any other means, the education and consciousness of the public and specifically those involved in activities associated with the production, distribution or utilisation of petroleum products and in respect of any matters falling within the scope of the Society's objectives.

13. To undertake, promote and assist in research and development of petroleum and associated technologies relevant to the country's social, economic and industrial needs, in keeping with the national objective of self-reliance.

14. To undertake, promote and assist in research and development of appropriate and alternate fuel and energy technologies, with emphasis on the use of local resources.

Accommodation to Freedom Fighters

2791. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to allot residential accommodation for life to those freedom fighters who are aged 70 years or above:

(b) if so, the total number of such freedom fighters whose cases are pending; and

(c) the time by which these pending cases are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c). Allotment of residential accommodation is given only to such freedom fighters as are of all India standing and their case is specifically recommended by the Ministry of Home Affairs for allotment of Government accommodation. Such freedom fighters are considered for allotment of General Pool accommodations provided :

(1) They do not own a house or flat in their name or in the name of their family members or dependents in Delhi;

(2) The accommodation is required for bonafide medical treatment of the freedom fighter or his spouse.

In the case of those freedom fighters who are above 70 years of age, the allotment is made for "life-time" and not necessarily on medical grounds.

8 applications have been received for considering allotment under the guidelines which would be made once the formalities such as production of requisite documents, their verification has been done. Hence no time frame can be fixed in this regard.

Power Projects in Mizoram

2792. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal for setting up private power projects in Mizoram has been received by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to set up power projects in Mizoram?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of Mizoram has agreed to hand over the Tuirial HE Project (60 MW) to North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. for execution in the Central Sector, for which financial assistance from OECF, Japan is envisaged.

[Translation]

Vacant Post of SCs and STs

2793. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some posts of various categories reserved for SCs and STs are lying vacant in various departments and undertakings under his Ministry for a considerable time;

(b) if so, the post-wise break-up thereof, till date;

(c) whether the employees of various categories working in departments and undertakings under this Ministry have also been promoted in addition to the new recruitments made on some posts during the last three years;

(d) if so, the yearwise details of the recruitments and promotions made of various posts in various categories during the said period, separately;

(e) whether the recruitment of SCs/STs has been made in accordance with the reservation rules and the SC/ST employees working therein have been promoted in accordance to reservation rules; and

(f) the action being taken by the Ministry of filling up the vacant reserved posts in various categories and for promoting the SC/ST employees in accordance with reservation rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The following categories of posts for SCs & STs are lying vacant.

Ministry	SC	ST
Sr. Scientific Officer-II	5	3
Tech. Asstt.	1	-
Staff Car Driver	1	-
<i>Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd.</i>		
	SC	ST
General Manager (Management Services)	1	-
Finance Officer	1	-
Asstt. Accounts Officer	1	-

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Recruitment and promotion to the following posts have been made during the last three years.